

OPEN LETTER

SOME COLD FACTS.

To the Hon. George B. Cortelyou, Postmaster General.

Sir—At last you have retired from the chairmanship of the National Republican Committee. It took you some time to make up your mind to resign. Nevertheless you have committed the act, and you will endeavor to lay the political wires for your chief for the next contest. Of course I give you credit for having great political forethought and judgment, but, Mr. Cortelyou, there is nothing that you can do that will bring back ten millions of the faithful black allies to your way of thinking. You of course will do all you can to nominate Roosevelt delegates to the next National Republican Convention. You will no doubt succeed in electing many, but not enough to control the next Republican convention. While it is true that you have resigned the chairmanship of the committee, you still have your hands on the political key and you hope to use it to an advantage. Believe me when I say that it is too late. The American people have enough of Rooseveltism. They wish the time was ripe now to name his successor. You will have hundreds to come and tell you that they are for the Administration, but how can you believe them in face of the almost universal uprising against it. The very men it names for office, in their very hearts there is a feeling of resentment and dissatisfaction. You may think strange that I address you this letter. Well, I will tell you. Although you have resigned the chairmanship of the National Republican Committee, which was the political head of the Administration, you have been transferred to a greater political machine, whereby you will be in closer touch with your chief. I regard you as a young Napoleon in politics. None comes finer than your distinguished self. Your acts are so fine that they cannot be discerned by your political opponents. There is no way that your chief can redeem himself with the American people, no matter what he does. He may say and declare until he becomes blind that Companies A, B and C of the Twenty-fifth Infantry were not dismissed on account of their color and to satisfy the prejudices of the South. We are all thoroughly convinced and our minds are made up as to what we shall do in the future. The political machinery of the Administration may succeed in nominating its man but you know the American people do the electing. They are determined to defeat any man named by the present Administration.

You are aware that the President has professed great friendship for the colored Americans, which has been nothing more than sham. He has undone everything that the late President McKinley inaugurated. Colored postmasters and many other colored officials whom President McKinley appointed have been removed to satisfy Southern prejudice. This door-of-hope policy of which you have heard so much is now a thing of the past. Now, tell me, what has the President to go before the country on? The graft policy is played out. Many of the victims are dead, and many have been declared innocent. The day of reaction will come sooner or later. Now if you expect to depend on colored bishops in the A. M. E. Church or the A. M. E. Church Zion, you will depend on broken pillars. If you expect your present officeholders to come from under cover and defend the present Administration it will be political suicide for them. And especially if you expect to use them in the future, don't ask any of them to come from under cover and defend the actions of the President. Any colored man who does it will be branded a traitor.

Senator Tillman, while I don't believe in him, made a truthful statement in his speech Saturday, that President Roosevelt had made martyrs of the innocent dismissed Twenty-fifth Infantry. Who could have advised the President to commit such a blunder? Not satisfied with the dismissal of innocent men, he now directs that every colored soldier be transferred to the Philippines. Well, we shall have enough negro voters left in the United States to defeat any man he may name, notwithstanding the transfer of all the colored troops to another country.

Mr. Cortelyou, the colored citizens have sense enough to know that this Administration is against them. I am also gratified to know that there are many Northern Democrats friendly to the colored man and believe in them, and don't believe in the policy of the South. You will find, also, that the colored voter has learned some sense since the last presidential election.

Senator Spooner of Wisconsin and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts will find that they have alienated the colored vote from them in their respective States.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Afro-American Council, held Thursday, January 10, it was unanimously decided to support Senator J. B. Foraker against the President. So that you can readily see that this great Afro-American organization, which is composed of bishops, ministers and laymen have decided to do everything in its power to help the man who believes in a "square deal" in fact and indeed. Certainly you will accept this letter in the spirit in which it is written, with no desire to apologize, and neither do I desire to be unfair, but lay before you, as the political adviser of the Administration, things as we see them and acts that affect us and the unfairness of the chief executive of a great nation of people who ought to be what he would have us to believe he is, an apostle of a "square deal."

Yours respectfully,

The Editor.

AMONG THE ODD FELLOWS.

The banquet in honor of Grand Master W. L. Houston will take place in the main auditorium of Odd Fellows Hall, 10 M street northwest, Monday evening next. Those purposing attending should at once see the chairman or secretary of the Committee of Arrangements and obtain cards of admission, only upon which they can be admitted. No exceptions.

A novel feature of the banquet will be the presence of a large number of charming matrons and young ladies. Well, yes; something in the way of a wholly unexpected and yet a most agreeable surprise will take place. No; you can't be told now.

M. V. P. W. L. Houston spent the week in Philadelphia, where he was installed Monday last as G. M. of the Order in America. His cabinet will attend the banquet as special guest next Monday evening.

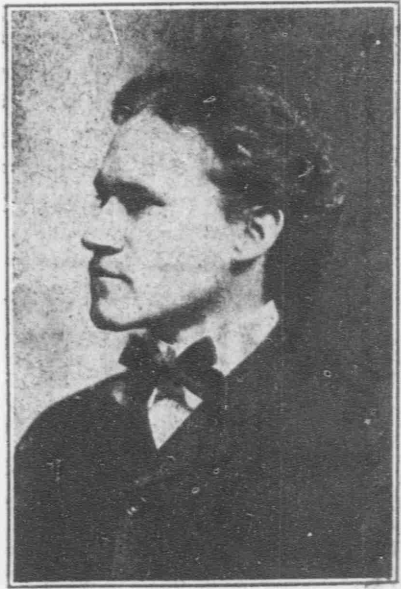
M. V. P. Dr. Philip Brome Brooks and Past D. G. M. Dr. A. H. Stevens are confined to their beds by reason of serious illness. Dr. Brooks is under the professional care of Dr. Williston.

A full report of the grand banquet with the names of the guests will appear in the next issue of The Bee. Don't fail to get a copy.

The committee on arrangements requests that the banqueters be in the Hall at 7 p.m., so that they may meet the Grand Officers before the service of the banquet, which will begin at 8 p.m.

A WORTHY PROMOTION.

Phil Waters of West Virginia, Librarian of the House of Delegates, 1896, Corporation Clerk, Secretary of State's Office, 1897-1902, U. S. Deputy Marshal, 1902, Clerk Finance Committee of Charleston City Council, 1902, Assistant Clerk Supreme Court of Appeals from 1903 to the present time. Mr. Waters is an expert statistician and has prepared the State Appropriation Bills at every session of the legislature since 1903. He was appointed as Clerk of the Finance Committee of the State Senate on the 14th inst. No other col-



COL. PHIL WATERS.

ored man has ever held any of the aforesaid positions. He is a brilliant and convincing orator, having seconded the nomination of every Republican governor of the State. Graduated from the Law Department of the University of Michigan in 1895, while a student there he won many oratorical honors and was noted as a leading athlete. Mr. Waters is a prominent churchman and Mason.

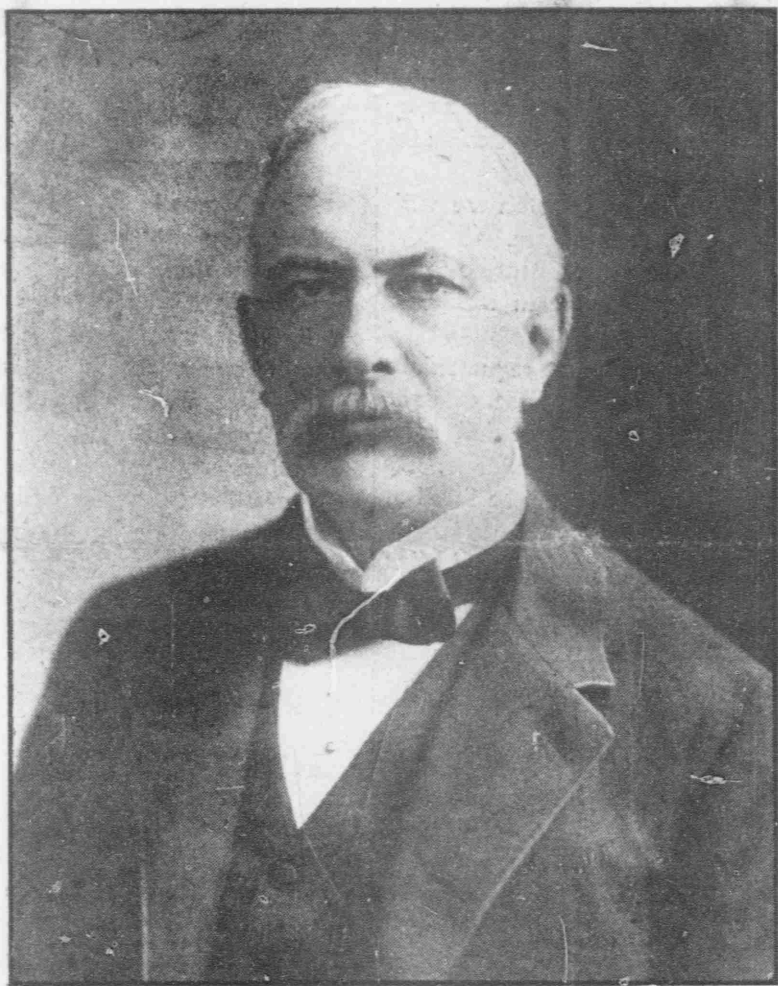
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What I Saw And Heard

I was surprised when I heard Rev. S. L. Corrothers of Galbraith Church state that he and his two sons called one the President New Year. The distinguished doctor was much in evidence.

I passed through the new police court this week and I must say that I have but one objection to what I saw. There are two cages in the court. One is in the upper and one in the lower branch. The prisoners are brought from the cells and led into the cages. They look like rats in a trap. This is an age of civilization and I think Congress should take a hand in the manner in which the prisoners are treated.

Rev. Waldron has come to the city and will take the pastorate of Shiloh to it I see. Some one said that he Church. His objection had a string left a church in Jacksonville, Fla., that cost one hundred thousand dollars. There is a debt on the church of forty thousand. I don't blame him. He comes to a split church upon which there is a debt of fifteen thou-



SENATOR J. B. FORAKER. CHAMPION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

that left with Rev. J. Anderson Taysand dollars. There is also a division among the present membership, not speaking of the two hundred or more. Rev. Waldron will have a revival to enable him to increase his membership.

I understand that Mr. Thomas H. Wright was victorious at the last election. He routed the opposition to a finish.

The banquet to Register Vernon by his friends and the one to Grand Master Houston by the Odd Fellows will be two of the largest social functions that have taken place for some time in this city.

Rev. Simon P. W. Drew will start on his new church in a few months. Rev. Drew is an organizer and a money collector. His congregations are supporting him royally.

The Horizon made its appearance last week. I wish it much success. I thought it would have been larger than the Moon. Well, as it has been said, we should not despise the day of small things.

The Board of Education will dispose of the Cardoza case in a few days now.

Commissioner West will appoint a new trial board. I would suggest the appointment of a board with one legal head who will act as judge. If the judgment of the trial judge is not satisfactory permit the defendant or officer on trial to appeal to the Commissioners. The question is, Can the Commissioners appoint such a board in view of the now existing law? It will be remembered that Congress has passed a law by which members of the Metropolitan Police are tried.

If fines continue to be imposed in the new police court, it will not be many months before the new court pays for itself.

FAIRPLAY.

Cardoza's Charges

Thomas L. Cardoza will be tried tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Franklin Building. The trial will be public.

The charges preferred against Francis L. Cardoza, supervising principal of the colored schools, were filed on Monday morning by the Board of Education, and Cardoza was legally served there. They are as follows: To the Board of Education of the District of Columbia:

I hereby charge Francis L. Cardoza, supervising principal, thirteenth division of the public schools, with conduct unbecoming a supervising principal, and violating rules 60, 62, and 65 of the Rules and By-laws of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia, and consisting in this—

SPECIFICATION.

In that the said Francis L. Cardoza, supervising principal, thirteenth division of the public schools, to the prejudice of the good order and administration of the public schools, during the present scholastic year and prior to the seventeenth day of October, 1906, did write, utter and publish, of and concerning W. S. Montgomery, colored

Colored citizens generally feel that Dr. Atwood is rendering an immense service by demanding a searching investigation into the matter.

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CHARGE II.

I hereby further charge Francis L. Cardoza, supervising principal, thirteenth division of the public schools, with conduct unbecoming a supervising principal in violating Rules 22, 29, 60, 62 and 65 of the Rules and By-laws of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia, and consisting in this—

SPECIFICATION.

In that the said Francis L. Cardoza, to the prejudice of the discipline of the public schools, and to the end of inciting dissension, strife, and arousing resentment among teachers of the said public schools, did injuriously attack and openly defame certain teachers of the said public schools, to wit, John W. Cromwell, Addie Howard, Laura Fisher, Sarah Spencer, Parthenia Woodson and Ursuline Brooks, by writing, uttering and publishing to the public press the certain anonymous libel as particularly described and above set forth in the first charge herein.

CHARGE III.

I further charge the said Francis L. Cardoza, supervising principal of the thirteenth division of the public schools of the District of Columbia, with conduct unbecoming a supervising principal, and violating Rules 60, 62 and 65 of the Rules and By-laws of the Board of Education, and consisting in this—

SPECIFICATION.

In that the said Francis L. Cardoza, supervising principal, thirteenth division of the public schools, during a period of time, to wit, from the 12th day of September, 1906, to the 17th day of October, 1906, did publicly unfavorably criticize W. S. Montgomery, colored assistant superintendent of public schools and thereby attempt to disturb the discipline, loyalty, and harmonious administration of the said schools.

CHARGE IV.

I hereby further charge said Francis L. Cardoza, supervising principal, thirteenth division of the public schools of the District of Columbia, with conduct unbecoming a supervising principal, and violating Rule 65 of the Rules and By-laws of the Board of Education, consisting in this—

SPECIFICATION.

In that said Francis L. Cardoza, supervising principal of the thirteenth division of the public schools, on or about to wit, October 16, 1906, in an interview with the superintendent of schools, and in the office of the said superintendent, was insubordinate to the directions of the said superintendent and did refuse to co-operate with the said superintendent, and did refuse to recognize the said colored assistant superintendent, as a proper and fit person for his position.

The above charges preferred by Winfield S. Montgomery, colored assistant superintendent. Very respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. CHANCELLOR,

Superintendent of Schools.

NOTICE OF TRIAL.

To Francis L. Cardoza, Supervising Principal, Thirteenth Division.

Sir—Take notice that the foregoing charges have been preferred against you and that your trial upon said charges, pursuant to Section 10 of the Act of Congress approved June 20, 1906, will take place before the Board of Education of the District of Columbia, in the Franklin School Building, in the City of Washington, in said District, on the 19th day of January, 1907, at 2 o'clock p.m., and will be continued from day to day until the said trial is concluded. The Board of Education, by

GEORGE W. BAIRD,

President.

SERVICE ON POLICE FORCE.

In 1885 he was appointed to a position on the Metropolitan police force and would have been honorably retired with a pension June 1, 1903, had it not been for the indictment against him. He made application to be placed on the retired list May 24, 1903. For several years during his police service he was fine clerk at the Police Court. During this time he handled thousands of dollars, every penny of which he accounted for.

Ever ready to help others, his gifts to charitable enterprises were lavish in proportion to his means. He was one of the founders of the Prisoners' Aid Society.

Mr. Groff possessed considerable talent for mechanics. Among his inventions were a projectile, a safeguard for street cars, a device for catching crabs, a street indicator, and the letter-box fastener, which he was charged with selling fraudulently to the Postoffice Department.

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PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

BY MISS BEATRIZ L. CHASE.

The annual conference of the M. E. Church will be held in the Mount Zion M. E. Church, of which Rev. B. T. Perkins is pastor, in charge.

Mrs. Credit, the wife of Rev. W. A. Credit, former pastor in this city, who sustained severe injuries by falling down the stair of her home, is improving.

Mrs. Letitia Still, the widow of the late Wm. Still, prominent in the anti-slavery, celebrated the 86th anniversary of her birth a few days ago. Mr. Still is said to be wonderfully preserved mentally and physically.

It is reported that Samuel Knox, of New Haven, Conn., who killed a prominent business man of this place, came near being lynched before the officers got him to a place of safety.

Mrs. Annie Brown, the revivalist, is conducting revival services in Bethel Church, New York City.

Mr. Lewis E. Johnson may spend three months here helping to raise \$100,000 to build a new Y. M. C. A. building.

The dead body of Milton Bunnell, an old Confederate, was found last week by the side of the track of the Aberdeen and Asheboro railroad near Star, N. C.

An offer of \$2,000,000 was made by John D. Rockefeller last week for the proposed Greater Louisville University at Louisville, Ky.

Mr. W. B. Birth, one of the oldest citizens of this city in a letter to the Commissioners said that he deemed the present form of government satisfactory and that the efforts being made to obtain suffrage in the District would prove detrimental.

King Victor Emmanuel at Rome received in private audience yesterday week the American ambassador, Mr. White, who invested his majesty with the academic hood of the University of Pennsylvania, and presented the king with his diploma as doctor of laws.

Albert Cronhjelm, who was found dead some time ago and supposed to be a tramp was a nobleman and only heir to a large fortune in his native country.

A box of poisonous berries was sent by mail to the sisters of the Catholic Providence Orphan Asylum at Burlington, Vt., last week.

George H. Moreland, a farmer living near Trumbull Center, Geneva, Ohio, while insane killed his two sons last Tuesday by slashing their throats with a razor.

Luke Hebron was sentenced to serve one day in jail by Justice Stafford in Criminal Court No. 1, for gambling. Hebron had been in jail ninety-nine days awaiting trial.

George Terry, who was head of the Shoshone Indian Council, was murdered one night last week at Lander, Wyo., as he came out of the council lodge on the Indian Reservation.

The Rock Hill Messenger began its twelfth volume with the issue of January 12, 1907. Accept our congratulations.

There was an enthusiastic meeting of the St. Luke organization at True Reformers' Hall last night.

We have received a copy of Justice, the first number of which made its appearance the 11th instant. Justice is published at Duncan, I. T. Thrice welcome.

The Supreme Court of Oregon suspended former Judge H. Tanner last week from practice of the law for ninety days for unprofessional conduct in swearing falsely to his relations with the late U. S. Senator John H. Mitchell.

REV. WALDRON.

The new pastor, Rev. W. L. Waldron, of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived in the city last week. He preached at Shiloh last Sunday and delivered a lecture to the remaining members of the congregation. He did not say anything about the letter that was sent some time ago to the effect that he would not accept the pastorate of Shiloh. He did not say positively that he would accept but he paid his respects to The Bee before he concluded his sermon. He said that he would let the congregation know whether he would return or not.